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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

YON ET AL.

Examiner

Roy D. Gibson

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Period for Reply

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 19 March 2007.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-21, 23-41, 50-53, 55, 56, 61 and 62 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 1-21, 23-41, 55, 56, 61 and 62 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 50-53 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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Formal Matters

After further consideration, the examiner has found prior art for previously allowed claims 50-53, therefore, see the rejections presented below for this non-final Office action.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 50-51 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Ginsburg et al. (6,620,188). Ginsburg et al. disclose a heat transfer catheter comprising:
a catheter (Figure 16, # 324) having a proximal end capable of being coupled to an input of a source of working fluid and a distal end coupled to a heat transfer element (325);

a supply lumen and a return lumen (332 and 333) disposed within the catheter, the proximal end of the supply lumen capable of being coupled to an output of a source of working fluid and a distal end terminating at or within the heat transfer element;

a guidewire lumen (328) disposed within the catheter, the guidewire lumen coupled (thermally) to the supply lumen, the supply lumen terminating proximal of the guidewire lumen;

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and a temperature sensor (350) disposed on or within the heat transfer element, and wherein the temperature sensor is mounted on the guidewire lumen distal of the termination of the supply lumen; and wherein the distal tip of the guidewire lumen is coupled to the distal tip of the heat transfer element (col. 21, line 43-col. 22, line 47).

But, Ginsburg et al. fail to disclose the supply and return lumens are coaxial. However, the examiner maintains that coaxial supply and return lumens are well known in the art and, therefore, at the time of the invention it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to modify the device of Ginsburg et al., to include coaxial supply and return lumens to minimize the diameter of the catheter.

Claims 52 and 53 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Ginsburg et al. in view of Nelson (5,174,299). Ginsburg et al. fails to disclose the temperature is encapsulated in a polymer tube. However, Nelson discloses cardiac blood flow sensor wherein the thermocouple is enclosed in a silicon(e) tube (col. 6, lines 39-53).

Regarding claim 53, the examiner maintains that it would have been obvious to a skillful artisan, as an alternative, to encapsulate the thermocouple in a metal tube provide the sensor is electrically isolated from the tube. The objective being to increase the thermal conductivity of the sensor.

Allowable Subject Matter

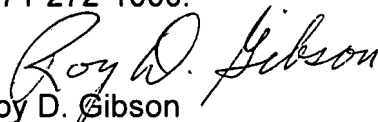
Claims 1-21, 23-41, 55, 56 and 61-62 are allowed.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Roy D. Gibson whose telephone number is 571-272-4767. The examiner can normally be reached on Tu-Th, 7:30 am-4:00 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Linda Dvorak can be reached on 571-272-4764. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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